

not only was a terrorist in the incidents the gentleman was describing in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, but literally into the 21st century. And one of the things that has been uncovered, again, are internal documents of the Palestinian Authority off of hard drives of computers so it is not credible that this is not authenticated, real information. These are copies which literally has Chairman Arafat's signature. These are two that are available, and these are specific requests of payments for terrorists, for people who are engaged in specific acts of terrorism. From the bar mitzvah ceremony, there are specific names of people and specific amounts that Arafat personally signed and approved, \$600 per person.

The other chart is a list of 10 people, specific terrorists; and what is interesting, the gentleman that sent the letter was just captured by Israelis, and he viewed himself as working directly for Chairman Arafat. So the terrorism that is described is not terrorism of 5 years ago or 5 months ago. The dates are interesting, September 19, 2001, and this is January of 2002.

The Arafat era is over, and I think there has to be an acknowledgment by the United States that that era is over. We have said repeatedly we cannot negotiate with terrorists, and that in fact is what Mr. Arafat is. We cannot negotiate with him. He cannot be a leader. He cannot be a partner. The Palestinian people have a right to choose their leader, but that leader cannot be a terrorist if they expect to be a state.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, it breaks our hearts for the Palestinian people that they have refused to elect leaders who will deliver them a Palestinian state.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, it is not that they have not, but they have not been given a choice. One of the things that has been pointed out on this floor is that Chairman Arafat was supposed to be the leader, and he was elected in 1996, but that term expired in 2000. In 2000, there was supposed to be an election that he did not allow to take place.

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, the question is what should Israel be doing now. Israel is doing now what the United States is doing now: protecting its people from terrorists, and bringing justice to them or bringing them to justice, until these people either will say we will live in peace with you, or they will be so disabled by our military that they no longer threaten our men, women and children. That is what Israel is doing.

Israel, which has tremendous military intelligence-sharing with the United States for 50 years, and provides us with great military advantage in the Middle East, only one of many reasons they have been our best friend and remain our most important strategic ally in the whole Middle East for the last 55 years.

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow evening I am going to have the op-

portunity to have an interactive town meeting that will be available for people not just in Florida, but through satellite coordinants throughout the country. If people have questions, the former American ambassador, Martin Indyk, will be there. The e-mail address to ask questions is FL20townhall@mail.house.gov. The 800 number is 1-800-931-1303. The satellite coordinants can be acquired through our Web site. I welcome those comments.

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, in closing, while the background of this conflict is somewhat complicated, the moral dimensions are very, very clear-cut. We have one side that sends soldiers to wipe out suicide bombers; the other side that sends suicide bombers to wipe out guests at bar mitzvahs. We have one side that publishes maps showing how an Israel and Palestinian state can co-exist; the other side publishes a map which says Israel does not even exist now. One side apologizes when its explosives kill wives and children of killers it targeted; the other side targets wives and children. One side was grief-stricken on September 11 and declared a national day of mourning; and the other side danced in the streets and distributed candies in celebration. One side has never deployed a suicide bomber in its 54 years of existence; the other side has deployed more than 40 in the past 12 months alone.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CLYBURN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business in the district.

Mr. LATOURETTE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending a funeral.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATSON of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LANTOS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG, for 5 minutes, April 24.

Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HORN, for 5 minutes, April 24.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, April 23.

Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, April 24.

Mr. SWEENEY, for 5 minutes, April 24.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today and April 18.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, April 18.

Mr. SOUDER, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, April 18, 2002, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6214. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change in Disease Status of Austria Because of BSE [Docket No. 02-004-1] received March 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6215. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Change in Disease Status of Finland Because of BSE [Docket No. 01-131-1] received March 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6216. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Horses, Ruminants, Swine, and Dogs; Inspection and Treatment for Screwworm [Docket No. 00-028-2] received March 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6217. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Citrus Canker; Removal of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 02-018-1] received March 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6218. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Commuted Traveltime Periods: Overtime Services Relating to Imports and Exports [Docket No. 01-125-1] received March 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6219. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Origin Health Certificates for Livestock Exported From the United States [Docket No. 99-053-2] received March 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6220. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that certain major defense acquisition programs have breached the unit